

LONG VALLEY

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AGENDA

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

7:00 PM

Crowley Lake Community Center (458 South Landing Road)

1. Call to order by Acting Chair.
2. Public comment for items not listed on the agenda.
3. Review meeting notes: March 26, 2008.
4. County updates (Supervisor Hazard).
5. Review and possible update of the *Long Valley Issues* in the General Plan.
6. Information Items.
7. Future agenda items.
8. Schedule next meeting.
9. Adjourn.

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Draft Notes

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

7:00 PM

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1. Call to order by Acting Chair. Bill Cox
2. Public comment for items not listed on the agenda.
 - No report
3. Review meeting notes: December 12, 2007
 - Notes read by Gwen Plummer
4. Brian Muir, Director of Finance, to discuss county budget process and current fiscal issues.
 - Brian Muir provided a handout on the status of the Finance Department and explained how the county funds are disbursed between the county, town and special districts.
 - Fred asked about independent audit regarding special districts. Brian collects the special district audits.
5. County updates (Supervisor Hazard).
 - Issues: Snow removal is down due to low staffing in this district. Also, there are new employees and their lack of experience caused the slow snow removal process. However they did do a very good job. One lane was plowed right a way, but the issue was after the storm had passed the detail work should have occurred, but it didn't get done in a timely manner and in addition some of the equipment failed. When the equipment failed it caused a snowball effect that took three days to repair. The Board is aware of the staffing shortfall and the problem of ageing equipment. It will cost approximately 1.2 million dollars to replace the equipment plus the Air Resource Agency says equipment must be replaced with new equipment
 - Issue Road closure. CHP, Caltrans, Town, County, Sheriff, NDOT met. Communication was the most important issue. An example was the road closure to the Green Church caused a lot of problems such as school kids sent home early, but parents were stuck in the Town of Mammoth overnight and the children were home alone without electricity. During the debriefing with the agencies they agreed that road closures were appropriate, but communication was lacking.
 - Issue road closure: When a road closure occurs, it should be closed at Bishop so people can stay in Bishop. Working to get the AM 1610 radio to get info out to locals. Also provide "turnable" signs along the highway so the locals will get the road closure information and be able to return home. It was discovered that Caltrans does not have access to information regarding when the CHP is conducting escorting. Caltrans information runs at about 30 minute delay after the incident happens.
 - Issue people trapped in Crowley: The Fire Department now has access to the community center which has supplies for emergencies. The water company should be able to provide water for a couple of days.
 - Issue communication: Joe Flores, CHP has taken the lead to develop an area plan for communications systems.

- Issue Snow removal: Hap noted that the use of a private contractor is being studied to possibly supply snow removal for south communities.
 - Internet service is number one request that Haps gets.
 - Internet: Talks have broken down between the County and Schat to provide internet service, but Schat can still put sites off of county property. Hap is trying to get internet here as quickly as possible. NPG cable has shown interest. ALLTEL purchased equipment to put EPDO high speed internet at the fire dept. and the system is ready to go, but if ALLTEL needs it somewhere else they will use it there and we will have to wait for the next time. There may an opportunity to have an intermediate system with Verizon. ADP was going to draft a lease and would send it out the second or third week of April. ALLTEL will get permits from county council office. Hap has asked the County Council's office to work to get this process done. The time line may be fall to next spring.
 - Verizon internet cable: The paperwork for the fiber optics has not been completed by the Forest Service and has to go back through the Forest Service process again. County is asking that they put terminals along the route so the county can access it for the communities and to consider under-grounding when it runs through the communities. Verizon want to go straight through to Mammoth and not provide terminals at this time.
 - Mail boxes. Address updates are entered into computer system and are ready to move forward. The survey revealed that Long Valley did not want cluster boxes.
 - Phase I will be from McGee Creek to the Ridge. Every lot will have there own 911 address and box. The box is issued to the lot not to the owner. Amenity that goes with lot. They now have enough boxes for the whole area but need still the posts to place them on. As soon as the ground softens the county will install them. The boxes will have package service. DHL, UPS and Fed Ex have signed a contract with USPS to deliver to boxes to area. If they cannot deliver to box they will deliver to house.
 - Phase II will be Tom's Place, Sunny Slopes, Aspen Springs, and The delay may be for two years due to the Caltrans road rehab. The boxes will be installed during that process.
 - Phase III Long Valley will stay on the books for the future.
 - The Air Pollution Control District's monitoring of Crowley showed only one day that exceeded standards.
 - Town of Mammoth will share their wood chippers with the local communities.
6. Transit Update (hand out). The Mono County Local Transportation Commission will hold a public hearing April 14 to receive comments on the unmet transit needs in Mono County. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the Town/County Conference Room in the Minaret Village Mall.
- Gwen provided a handout on the status of transit and a brief update on the status of the transit shelters. She reminded everyone about the Unmet Needs hearing to be held on April 14 in mammoth and if anyone had any unmet transit needs to be considered to please call her at 924 1802 or e-mail her at gplummer@mono.ca.gov.
7. Review and possible update of the Long Valley Policies in the General Plan. A handout of the current policies will be available at the meeting.
- Note: Fred Stump requested FPD road standards are included in the area policies for county roads.
 - Due the lack of participation at the meeting, the committee asked Gwen to send out a copy of the issues to the RPAC membership and to meet again on April 30 to begin the review.
8. Information Items
- No report
9. Future agenda item:
- Area issues.
 - Wildland fuel hazard reduction policy changes to the county code.

10. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mono County General Plan

ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES/CONSTRAINTS FOR COMMUNITY AREAS

This section lists issues and constraints which apply to specific planning areas throughout the county. These issues are in addition to the general countywide issues, opportunities, and constraints discussed above.

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- 1.** There is a desire to develop a self-sufficient community in the Long Valley area and to avoid being perceived solely as a "bedroom" community for Mammoth.
- 2.** There is a need to provide services and commercial uses for residents. Existing services, such as water supply and fire protection, need to be upgraded in order to provide for additional development. Crowley Lake/Hilton Creek may need a community water system sometime in the future. There is an opportunity to consolidate existing service entities, such as several mutual water systems, the Birchim Community Services District, and the Hilton Creek Community Services District, in order to provide more cost-effective and efficient services. Long Valley residents are also interested in revitalizing community-oriented commercial uses in Crowley Lake/Hilton Creek, such as a small cafe, and in providing some professional offices, such as a medical/dental office and a lawyer's office.
- 3.** In order to support the additional services and commercial uses desired by residents, there is local interest in providing some additional employment in the area, potentially including some light manufacturing.
- 4.** There is a desire to provide additional recreational development at Crowley Lake and throughout the area. There is a need, when considering additional recreational development at Crowley Lake, to designate restricted boating areas to protect critical water bird nesting and rearing habitat. Within the communities, particularly Crowley Lake/Hilton Creek, there is a desire to develop additional neighborhood parks and a trail system connecting the parks and the communities.
- 5.** The Long Valley area includes important wildlife habitat; i.e., mule deer migration corridors